GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes formulated by the Union Government for the welfare of the mentally challenged children;

(b) the institutes set up/proposed to be set up to make proper arrangements for the welfare of such children, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose during 2001-2002 and the funds earmarked for the purpose during 2002-2003?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (c) The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, MentalRetardation and Multiple Disabilities, New Delhi and the National Institute forMentally Handicapped, Secunderabad are already functional. An amount of Rs.45.30 crores has been allocated during 2001-2002 and 6.00 crores during 2002- 2003 for this purpose. No funds are earmarked for the National Trust during current financial year as the Corpus Fund has already been contributed byGovernment. Besides, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are given financial support to run various projects for the welfare of mentally retarded persons.